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Emotions run high in Dysart's race for deputy

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

A veteran incumbent, three passionate, high-profile challengers, and an impressive voter turnout conspired to make the deputy-reeve race one of Dysart et al's most hotly contested.

Although Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis beat out the nearest of his three challengers by more than 500 votes, he says he did not take this campaign for granted. "I've run seven campaigns since 1985 and I've never been acclaimed. I always go into these races with the attitude that I need to work hard and make gains every day."

He also notes, "This is the largest number of candidates I've ever had to run against." This, he feels, might have cut into his voter base but he also says it encouraged him to campaign harder. "I took the challenges seriously. In the end, I think we ran a good campaign."

Davis admits being surprised by "some of the showings. One of my opponents had outside support and endorsements, but then again so did I. That's just politics."

When asked what separated him from those he beat, he replied, "All those candidates ran on a platform of change but I never heard any change come forward. I think the voters were satisfied with my track record. I know the job."

The deputy-reeve stands by his statement that the position is not an entry-level job. "Setting a budget in Haliburton County is almost as hard as doing it in the GTA. We've got a smaller tax base and we are, geographi-

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Runners-up want all ballots counted

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Four Haliburton County candidates are contesting the results of last Monday's municipal election, citing high ballot

rejection rates as a hindrance to the democratic process.

Basil Cox and Chuck Viner, who ran in Highlands East Wards 2 and 3, along with Minden Hills candidates Ingram Wessell and Lisa Schell, are considering a challenge of

the election's legality.

Cox, who lost by only nine votes to Ward 2 incumbent Suzanne Partridge, says the high number of rejected ballots in both municipalities raises the question whether the results are an accurate reflection of the

public's wishes.

"I don't mind losing, so long as it's fair," says Cox. "The problem is that we have a big discrepancy regarding all the ballots that weren't counted."

Highlands East clerk Irene

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Drivers trapped

Emergency crews worked swiftly to remove two drivers from their mangled vehicles on Tuesday afternoon, after a head-on collision on County Road 21 near Haliburton's Hilltop Market. Both drivers were taken by ambulance to Toronto hospitals to be treated for serious but non-life-threatening injuries. See story on page 8.

Grinch can't steal the Silver Flutes' spirit

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

For the past eight years Haliburton's Silver Flutes band has proudly represented the Highlands in the Toronto Santa Claus Parade, but this year some grinchers nearly spoiled all the fun.

"We got up on Sunday morning and found that our truck had been broken into and they

had stolen all our drums," says Conductor Bill Medland. "And of course, we couldn't march without them."

The theft was first discovered at 8:30 a.m. in their hotel parking lot, only hours before the band was set to march in the parade. Needless to say, quick thinking was needed in order to ensure that the show would go on.

In a heartbeat, Medland was

on the phone making arrangements to borrow a pair of drums from a sister band in Toronto. His wife, Donna, was also able to rush three more drums up from the couple's Port Perry residence, all in the nick of time.

Police discovered one of the large drums discarded in an open field behind the parking lot. A second was also left behind by the thieves, most like-

ly because they didn't have enough arms to carry the bulky equipment.

All in all, four drums were stolen, however, which translates to nearly \$6,000 worth of equipment - a devastating loss for the band as a whole, says Medland.

"It took us a long time to earn enough money to buy those drums, and now we're back to

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Congratulations go out to Anya Baker, the 14-year-old granddaughter of Dorothy and the late Stuart Baker. She entered the *Toronto Star's* Mozart's Magnificent Voyage essay contest and won, earning her a trip to Austria, Mozart's home. Anya is a musician and she and her family lived in Austria for five years so her win was especially savoured. Her story was called The Master and she wrote it in the voice of the 18th Century child prodigy. "I hit the first key and the note echoes through the room," she writes as if she was young Mozart. "I begin. The audience is enraptured as they follow the melody; every pitch, every movement of the music fills their ears and hearts. I close my eyes and focus solely on how my fingers fly across the keys. How the sound resonates within the body of the instrument and fills the entire room with joy, sorrow, rage, and the mystery of the composition."

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here, there & everywhere
 news and events worth noting

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Warden Murray Fearrey, centre, whose term as the head of county government ends next month, gives plaques of appreciation to retiring politicians Bill Howe and Keith Tallman of Highlands East.

Warden diverts accolades to two retiring politicians

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Friday night's warden's banquet gave Murray Fearrey an opportunity to reflect on his year as the head of the county's government.

But Fearrey decided to take a much longer view, looking back on his three-decade career in municipal politics and some of the people he worked with along the way.

Fearrey started representing Dysart et al on county council in 1973 and the next year he was chosen by his peers as the county warden. Since then he has been county warden, initially a much more ceremonial role, for an unprecedented seven times.

When he arrived at the county office in Minden, the woman running the administrative side of the show was Wynn Newbury. She was the county's clerk-treasurer as well as secretary of the land division committee, Hyland Crest and the county library system. "She had the nerve to ask us for help three days a week," Fearrey joked.

Also firmly ensconced at the county table was Keith Tallman, the reeve of Monmouth Township, who was first elected in 1967. A few years later Bill Howe joined them at the county as reeve of Bicroft Township.

Both Tallman and Howe are retiring from municipal politics this year and Fearrey said "It will be a sad day for me and Haliburton County when they're not part of" the local political scene.

County council of those days was in many ways similar to that of today, as attested by a gift Fearrey received from county staff. It was a mounted copy of an article outlining the achievements of his first year as warden and a story about this past year's achievements, with many of the same themes.

But political correctness wasn't invented back in these men's early years on council. Fearrey remembered when councillors went to the Rockcliffe for a liquid lunch and those politicians who had remained silent during the formal proceedings of council became a lot more talkative.

Fearrey presented Tallman and Howe,



Fearrey reads the inscriptions from county staff on the back of their gift, a look at two of his terms as county warden.

who now represent the amalgamated township of Highlands East on county council as reeve and deputy-reeve respectively, with plaques in appreciation of their years of outstanding dedication and leadership.

As Tallman and Howe took their seats at the Haliburton Legion, the crowd of politicians, county employees and county associates rose to their feet to give the two men a standing ovation.

Earlier in the evening Fearrey acknowledged those present who have shared the honour of being county warden: Keith Tallman 1978 and 1989, Jim Harrison 1979, Ron Gambell 1982, Bill Howe 1983, Don Shortreed 1990, George Simmons 1992, Jim McMahon 1994 and 2005, Jeanne Anthon 2000, Eleanor Harrison 2002 and Bill Davis 2004. Also enjoying the festivities was Marj Windover, the widow of Roy Windover, who was warden in 1971.

This surfeit of politicians past and present led MP Barry Devolin to say that the Legion hall has transformed itself into the Haliburton County Political Hall of Fame. "It's amazing to realize how much institutional knowledge is sitting in this room tonight."

Devolin said it was interesting to be able to sit back and watch the recent

municipal elections, which brought many changes to local politics. "Change in politics is a good thing but [MPP Laurie Scott] and I are hoping people have it out of their system now."

Scott thanked Fearrey for his role as mentor when she first ran for provincial politics as well as the retiring politicians for their service to the county.

John Teljeur entertained the crowd with his reflections on how much the county has changed since he grew up here. He left Haliburton County to start his hospitality career in the hustle and bustle of Toronto but now is back at the Delta Pinestone only to discover that a bit of that hustle and bustle has moved with him.

He quipped that people from Toronto view the Highlands the way Americans view Canada: Nice place to visit but how on earth do you live here? His list of how you know if you're from cottage country included: if one of every three people you know is a real estate agent; and if your second vehicle is a snow plow.

Then it was Fearrey's turn to turn more serious. He thanked Dysart's staff and council for the support they gave him during his year of extra responsibilities at the county level. "It's a team effort," Fearrey said in acknowledging his fellow county councillors.

The past year had its challenges and successes, including the formal adoption of the county's first official plan, laying of fibre optic cable for broadband technology, the hiring of a tourism marketing co-ordinator, hosting a conference for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and talks to see if the county should take over responsibility of waste management. However, he noted that the burden of taxation is shifting to property owners. "The downloading has got to stop," he told Devolin and Scott, quoting Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion when he said "the federal government has all the money, the provincial government has all the power and municipal government has all the crap."

Reflecting on his own political career, Fearrey said, "This is the eighth time I've had the privilege, and it is a privilege, to be warden. It's always a pleasure to serve people."

Voter turnout in Highlands East varies from ward to ward

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Numbers don't lie, but sometimes they can be misleading. Take for example the results from last week's election in the municipality of Highlands East.

At face value, Ward 1 (Cardiff area) had the lowest voter turnout in the municipality, with only 292 ratepayers casting a ballot. That's between five and six hundred fewer voters than each of the remaining three wards.

Yet, statistically, Cardiff also experienced the highest voter turnout per capita, hovering at just over 45 per cent of that ward's 642 eligible voters.

In fact, with overall voter turnout in Highlands East sitting at 31.4 per cent, the ratepayers of Ward 1 – the municipality's smallest ward – were well above the norm.

On the other hand, property owners in Ward 3 – the largest ward – were at the other end of the spectrum, displaying the poorest turnout in the municipality (27.73 per cent).

That was followed closely by 28.85 per cent in Ward 2 (Highland Grove area) and 35.56 percent in Ward 4 (Tory Hill).

All in all, a total of 2,902 ballots were cast across the municipality, but only 1,799 of those people voted for the position of reeve. The remainder supported only candidates for their local seat, and left the field for reeve blank.

With 56 per cent of the overall vote, Dave Burton was elected to the municipality's top job, followed by 44 per cent in favour of reeve candidate Glen Madill.

Burton won by a healthy margin in three of the four wards – including a walloping 73 per cent in Ward 4 – but lost by almost 30 per cent – or 256 votes – on Madill's home turf in ward 3, the Gooderham area.

Ward 1 candidate Jim Mackie more than doubled opponent Bill Foote's numbers, with an even 200 votes in his favour (68.73 per cent) to Foote's 91 votes (31.27 per cent).

In Ward 4 Gary Stoughton won out over Janis Cole with just more than 61 per cent of the overall vote (523 ballots), while in Ward 3 incumbent Donna Graham garnered 54.3 per cent of her ward's votes to Chuck Viner's 45.6 per cent (a difference of 477 ballots to 401).

By far the closest race of the evening was in Ward 2, where incumbent Suzanne Partridge defeated challenger Basil Cox by only nine votes (a 1.12 per cent margin).

Since the municipality recorded more than 700 spoiled ballots (an estimated rejection rate of 21 per cent), Cox is expected to contest the election's results alongside Viner and two other candidates from Minden Hills municipality of Haliburton County.

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Dysart's new councillors eager and ready to go

Waste management will likely be high on list of agenda priorities

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

Optimism, excitement and some nervousness will mark Dysart et al's new council, at least until three newcomers get comfortable with their new responsibilities.

Ward 1 newcomer Andrea Roberts says, "Winning the election was a great honour but it's also a little scary. Municipal government is the area that most affects our public lives so I want to do my best. I'm excited and my priority will be to make Haliburton continue to be a special place to live."

Like other new councillors, she says she wants to learn the job before she puts items on the table.

"The campaign itself was a great experience. My favourite part was knocking on doors and meeting people. I was reminded that people living here in Haliburton are doing so mostly by choice. Most think it's a great place to live."

Roberts does not see huge issues in her constituency. "People want the park at Head Lake to be clean and there is interest in better recreational facilities like a pool, but there are no glaring problems."

Derek Knowles is another new councillor, who won a close race in Ward 2, with 30 votes separating him from rival Dennis Casey. "I feel like one load has been lifted and another is about to fall," he joked. "It was a tough riding and a bumpy road, but a win is a win and it's

time to get on with it."

One of the things that surprised him on the campaign trail was the universal concern over waste management. "I always realized it was a concern, but I didn't realize it was everyone's concern. That really caught my attention."

Knowles ranks this issue high on his agenda. Next would be to make good on his campaign promises, which included eliminating the \$2 parking fee at the medical centre. He also hopes to help influence a strategic vision for Haliburton Village. "Even though it's not in my riding, Haliburton affects us all."

All of these things will take time, he says. "I'm still digesting the fact that I'm going to be a councillor. I'm going to need the first little while to learn the job."

In Ward 4, Councillor Janis Parker says her election bid was more of a battle than she envisioned. She is a cottager who divides her time between her business in Toronto and her cottage at Kennis Lake.

"I was quite surprised at the division that exists between seasonal and local residents. I think my first job will be to try and do some fence mending in West Guilford."

Once established in her new role, she is looking forward to promoting the county. "My strongest skill is marketing and I believe I can really help promote Haliburton and the local arts scene. I have always been very involved in the arts."

Incumbent Steve Pogue "feels great" about being returned to council in Ward 3. "I think the fact that every incumbent on council was re-elected is a vote of confidence to us all."

He's particularly happy with the mail-in vote system. "My riding is 95 per cent cottagers and this has made it easier for them to get involved."

The returning councillor also believes waste management issues should be moved to the forefront. In time, he'd like to see the county take over. "They've got better funding and this would help get rid of some of the boundaries that don't make sense." He also feels that our roads are in need of further attention and would like to investigate infrastructure grants to help pay for this.

"We need to investigate grant opportunities for roads and waste management so we can avoid tax increases."

Incumbent Dan Kay, who was returned to office in Ward 5, could not be

reached at press time.

Reeve Murray Fearrey, who was acclaimed, notes, "This is the most active election we've had. The candidates did a great job in getting the voters out and that's positive."

He also credits seasonal residents for taking an interest in local politics. "They realize they have a stake in this and are exercising their rights. That's good."

Fearrey is looking forward to December 4th when council resumes. He's hoping his new council will put all their issues out on the table. "After that, we're going to need some time to see how this team works together."

Regarding the municipality of Dysart et al, Fearrey says, "We will have to do something with our library soon." Likewise he feels that waste management and infrastructure issues need to be addressed. "Our efforts should be compatible with tourism."

The band plays on despite theft of drums

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square one."

With a ragtag assortment of borrowed drums, the band was then equipped to hit the streets, but needed a helping hand in order to make it to the starting point on time. Toronto police arranged for the band's bus to have special access along the parade route streets, which had already been closed to traffic.

Doing what he does best, driver Ron Hisey of Laidlaw navigated the bus through city streets jam-packed with eager parade-goers and delivered the band, safe and sound, to the parade's staging area on Christie Street. Hisey, who has acted as the band's driver since their inception 12 years ago, was a hero to many that morning, says Medland.

"How he got through I don't know," Medland says. "But he got us there. It was absolutely magnificent how he got the band down. He's one of us."

Also deserving a pat on the back were the kids in the band themselves, some of whom were left to perform in front of thousands of people using unfamiliar equipment and drum slings that didn't

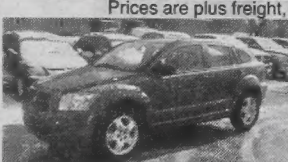
fit properly.

"I know that they looked a little raggedy in the front of the parade, but they were there and we did a great job," says Medland. "These kids aren't adults but they bounced back and just did a fantastic job. They deserve our respect."

"People were lining the streets as early as 10 o'clock. I've never seen a Toronto Santa Claus parade as packed as this one. You couldn't see the sidewalk for six miles," he adds.

At the end of the day, Medland says he couldn't be more proud of his band and the versatility they displayed under pressure. One thing he's still uncertain about, however, is why any thief would want to steal a set of bulky, deep-shelled parade drums.

"The only place they could be of use is to another band, but no other band would use them because they would know they are hot," he says. "I guess they may be able to do something in the pawn shops or second-hand stores in Toronto, but you can rest assured that those stores will be notified that those drums are out there somewhere."

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Befuddled

DO YOU REMEMBER when Haliburton village used to have the information centre in the Drag River municipal building? It was a place where people, especially seniors, could go to get help untangling all of the bureaucratic red tape that comes along with most government services. The staff patiently helped clients fill out all forms and paperwork to ensure clients were getting the services and funds they were entitled to.

There's something about the human brain that has difficulty comprehending government forms. The mind goes blank at the sight of anything even vaguely resembling bureaucratese. The simplest instructions can overwhelm.

Municipalities that chose DataFix for their mail-in ballot kits recently took part in an unscientific study to

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no coincidence that every municipality that chose DataFix had a ballot rejection rate of 21 to 23 per cent. The control group for this study were municipalities that stuck with Canada Post; their rejection rate was a uniform two to three per cent because voters were required to properly insert the declaration form if they were to mail the ballot. It seems such a tiny thing to make such a huge difference but the empirical evidence doesn't lie.

While there's little doubt that DataFix will change its format for the next municipal election, there's still the question of what to do about this one. If a voter makes a mistake with the declaration is that reason enough to negate the vote? Should municipalities be forced to hold the election all over again? Or should the rejected ballots be opened with the assumption that voters have put their declarations in with the ballot?

Option one is a bit heartless, option two is a bit expensive and option three is a bit dangerous.

By opening the secret ballot in the hopes that the signed declaration is inside, you are also opening up a huge can of worms. Can the confidentiality of the vote, which is the foundation of our democratic system, be maintained?

There's little doubt that a judge will soon be pondering the same questions. Whether it's any of the four candidates in the Highlands that ask for a court challenge, it's almost guaranteed that there will be a legal review of the process. Once a judge makes a decision then that decision will be applied universally among municipalities that had high rejection rates. (In the City of Kawartha Lakes a group of eight people, none of whom were candidates, says it will undertake a court challenge but someone else may beat them to it.)

But the principle of mail-in elections should not be rejected. The ability to mail a ballot rather than drive to a polling booth has almost tripled the number of people who vote in municipal elections. That in itself is almost worth all the headaches. Our cottagers are a vital part of Highlands life and they deserve a say in how that life is governed. If we expect them to pay taxes for year-round use then we must make it as easy as we can for them to vote.

Meanwhile, if this election illustrates how befuddled we can get by official-looking forms, just think of all the mistakes that are being made by people who no longer have the information centre to help them.

determine the percentage of the population that is bureaucratically-challenged. It seems that a quarter of us can't follow government-type instructions because it's surely



Back at the Blairs'

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

There is no I in team

NOW THAT THE SMOKE has cleared from the deer hunt, it is only human nature for people to ask you how you did. This is because we humans are essentially rotten.

Anyway, just so you know, our group got six deer for eight hunters.

I only put that bold statement out there so we can analyze it, for there is much to learn if you read between the lines of a deer hunter's statement.

Many of you might be wondering what such a simple statement can indicate, other than we seem to have done well especially since we hunted for only three days.

Well, the first thing an astute listener will glean is that I personally didn't shoot any of those six. If I had, I wouldn't have said our group got six. No, instead the statement would have read, "I got one nice buck. Oh, and our party shot five more after that." Then with hardly a pause, I would have launched into the tale of my epic struggle with that cagey beast that had somehow managed to elude all hunters in the woods only to meet his match in yours truly.

This is key, and typical. Any deer hunter you ask will always mention his or her deer first. Other deer are merely icing on the cake, unless, of course, that deer hunter didn't get one. In which case, he or she will probably try to take credit for the orchestration and tactics that helped the group get their deer. For instance, during our hunt I believe that the deer exclusion zone that I so skillfully created around me helped funnel deer to my fellow hunters. Of course, those cretins still will not acknowledge my contribution in this way.

For instance, on opening day, exactly

thirty seconds before legal shooting time, a huge eight-point buck walked down the hill and stood broadside to me on the trail, less than twenty yards away. Lesser men might have shot. Lesser men with good scopes with superb light-gathering qualities certainly would have shot. As for me,

a peep sight, which I could not see through in the low light, kept me honest.

Five minutes later, the next hunter in our group shot it as it walked from me to him in better light.

What, you might ask, did I have to do with his success? Well, it's my belief that I moved the deer to him by means of the expert, gentle sobbing that followed. Had I bawled like a baby, as most inexperienced deer hunters

might have done, that deer would have probably torn by him at forty miles an hour. Luckily for that hunter, however, experience has taught me merely to shed an almost inaudible, gentle stream of tears at times like this. Thus, the buck moved away from me in a slow, distracted fashion, making it a prime target for the next man down the line.

And yet, even after that explanation, he wouldn't allow me to pose with him in the photo and share credit for the buck.

Luckily for the group, this didn't sour me from helping all the others shoot their deer too, simply by eliminating one of the spots deer might have gone to had I not been there. At least two of our group members, have recognized this and suggested that next year we set up several scarecrows resembling me for deer to avoid so they might be funnelled into ambushes.

I'm all for that – as long as I get to pose in the photos.

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Making fire

IT WAS AN EMBARRASSING situation. After twenty years of country living, Louisa still struggled with making a decent fire. In the fall, she had wanted to burn some brush and scraps of old lumber. She pictured entering winter with a tidy yard, everything put away and not a bit of scrub or refuse to be found.

Perhaps she had underestimated the damage done by several weeks of rain. Perhaps she had been in too much of a rush to get started ahead of the quickly approaching night which would

make it difficult to see the fire pit. But these sounded like feeble excuses to Louisa. The truth was, she was a failure when it came to sending things up in smoke.

She knew how to build, ignite and encourage a fire. However, knowing and doing were two different matters. She continued to struggle with bad old habits like over-using paper and kindling, and putting either too much or not enough wood on the flames once they started. So now she stood by the circled rocks, beg-



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ging the fire not to go out, blowing, propping, and trying anything she could think of to coax the sputtering colour into a strong and lasting inferno.

Resisting the temptation to heave the lawnmower's gas can at the smoldering pile, Louisa continued to walk around the periphery, poking with her pole as her exasperation grew. At times like this, it was always hard to understand how forests and houses could be set alight so easily. Then, it looked as though her efforts might be having an effect after all. The feeble flame was holding its own. As carefully as a butterfly testing new wings, Louisa offered a twig, then another, then a small branch to the orange-red tongue. Its appetite grew. As the fire accepted more and more, she felt confident enough to put on a few larger pieces strategically placed. Finally she took her seat, where the marshmallows had been patiently waiting all this time.

The marshmallows were a remnant of summer and she had included them in her plans on a whim. Their taste immediately cast her back to hot summer nights by the cottage, a pleasant enough diversion on a frosty November night. The coffee was still hot in her thermos and so, for several minutes, Louisa sat in the shadowy light, chewing and sipping as she watched the mountain of fire grow. It was quite a sight. And had only taken her close to an hour to really make a success.

But successful it finally was and how she wanted to show it off. Unfortunately, there was only herself and the two cats watching from inside the house to bear witness. The deer Louisa knew to be out there somewhere amongst the cedars, well, they would wait until Louisa had gone to bed before making an appearance in her yard. They couldn't care less about her fire. They were interested only in the remains from her bird feeders.

Who would she choose to be with her at this moment to share in her triumph? Her father would have appreciated the end result but not the effort that had gone into making such a fine fire. Louisa remembered his magic with a few pieces of kindling in a stone-cold little air-tight woodstove. Before she could lug her weekend suitcase to the back bedroom, her dad would have started the spread of warmth emanating from that small hearth.

Her mother would have wanted to push her aside and make the fire herself, saying Louisa did too much already and should take a break. Then she would have methodically made a log cabin out of kindling and, once the fire caught, reminded Louisa of her accomplishment for the rest of the night.

Louisa's dear and equally departed ex-husband would have thrown together a poor assortment of wood scraps, followed by a single match and when nothing happened, blamed Louisa for buying the wrong matches.

Who else? Louisa's old friend Anna would not have seen the point of a fire, either for warmth or cleanup. Why be outside in the cold and dark when you can be inside with wine and a movie, she would suggest. Little wonder their friendship had waned with the years.

So now it was just Louisa, half a cup of warm coffee and the glowing canyons of burnt-out stumps. An ancient sleeping bag kept her legs warm and it was downright cozy in the deck chair. She could close her eyes and think of the farm, its kitchen range cooking Sunday's roast, even while the walk-in fireplace shot sparks up the old brick chimney. Now that was a cozy setting if ever there was one; nothing to think about except the soft warmth and delicious smells.

She opened her eyes and wondered if this was how our lives were meant to end. Alone, we wait in the warm darkness until all has been tidied up and finished. Then, when the job is done as best we can, we get up and go to sleep. Unseen, the last of the coals slowly fade to ashes and a strong wind carries them away.

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pic of the past

THIS PICTURE was probably taken in the spring of 1951 at the Haliburton Continuation School, which later became Lakeview School, which later became Fleming College overlooking Head Lake in Haliburton. Front Row; from left: Doug Titus, Stuart Baker, David Chambers, Sid Cooper, Glen Fearrey, unknown, and Gerald Irish. Middle Row: Nancy Bounsall, Sylvia Brodhagen, Mavis Sisson and Ria Lee. Back Row: Lois Bailey, Blanch Walsh, Eileen Salvatori, Jacqueline Robertson, J'Nan Bishop, Shirley Cooper, Delores Lane, Pat Bishop, Dorell Iles, Joyce Austin and teacher Miss Joyce Williams. Our thanks to Louise Cooper for sharing the photo and Dorell Iles and Lois Emmerson for helping with the names.

letters to the editor

Curator made museum visit a memorable one

To the Editor:

Recently I had the great pleasure of visiting the museum in Haliburton. The displays were wonderfully exhibited, giving an exciting insight of the history, mores and folklore of the area.

The above was made more memorable by the fantastic curator who showed us round the exhibits. His name was Steve Hill. He was so professional as well as entertaining, knowledgeable, humorous and unforgettable.

I must congratulate the municipality of Dysart et al for the museum itself and the choice of curator. He made my visit to Haliburton such a memorable experience and highlighted my vacation to Ontario and even my visit to Canada.

Thank you Haliburton, thank you to the municipality and moreover thank you Steve Hill.

I look forward to returning to the museum with my son when we next visit Canada.

Regards from Norrie Wright, Dunvegan,
Isle of Skye, Scotland

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Long-term care residents deserve more for meals

To the Editor:

We are a group of fourth-year nursing students writing on behalf of all residents of long-term care (LTC) facilities across Ontario. It's unfortunate that we do not have to look any further than our own LTC facilities to see people being deprived of decent, nutritious, pleasant-tasting food.

Currently the provincial government provides \$5.46/resident/day for a food allowance. With this meagre amount of money, each LTC facility is expected to prepare a wide variety of meals that meet the individual needs of its residents, such as low-sodium, diabetic, gluten-free and high protein diets.

Meanwhile, prisoners incarcerated in Ontario receive nearly double the funding for food.

The reality is two choices are offered at meals but due to strict budgeting requirements there isn't always enough of each choice for residents to enjoy their first choice. Fresh fruit and vegetables even when in season are often too expensive to purchase. Let's treat residents of LTC with the respect and dignity they deserve as members of our families, our communities, and our province. Give them something good to eat!

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Drivers seriously injured in Hilltop Market crash

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

A head-on collision in Haliburton last Monday resulted in serious injuries for the drivers of two vehicles.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. on County Road 21, roughly 100 metres west of Hilltop Road and the Hilltop Market.

Agnes Reiss, owner of the market, was inside her home when the incident occurred and, although she didn't witness the accident first-hand, she was the first person to report it.

"I was in the house and I heard a bang. I thought 'My god, what's happened,'" she says. "I looked out and saw only the one car in the ditch. I didn't even notice the other car because I went like light-

ning to the phone and called 911."

Police, paramedics, and Dysart fire crews all arrived on scene within minutes of Reiss' call, but in the meantime it was neighbours and passing motorists who helped to secure the scene and prevent further disaster.

"Everybody helped," says Reiss. "I saw a man running and screaming for a fire extinguisher, so when I hung up [with 911] I gave them our big one."

"A friend of mine blocked the road with a truck so that when [the ambulance] arrived everything was cleared already. People are fantastic," she says.

Reiss says that ambulance crews were the first to arrive on scene, followed closely by several fire trucks.

"I told them they could use all my parking space and they could use my phone, and if they needed something,

just come and get it because you just don't know what they'll need in the first minutes."

A subsequent police investigation has revealed that an eastbound 1994 Chrysler Concorde crossed over the centre line into oncoming traffic. The Concorde then collided with a westbound 2005 Honda Pilot and sent that vehicle flying into a nearby ditch.

Both vehicles were extensively damaged in the collision, and the driver of the Concorde, 33-year-old Walter Griffin of Haliburton, had to be extricated from his vehicle by firefighters using the jaws of life. He was then taken immediately by ambulance to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto with serious injuries.

The driver of the Pilot, 44-year-old Michael Lopez of Minden, was taken directly by ambulance to Haliburton hos-

pital and then transported to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, also suffering from serious injuries.

Three other occupants in the Pilot were taken to Haliburton Hospital where they were treated and later released.

The investigation into the cause of the accident is ongoing and police have not released any details as to whether any charges will be laid.

Reiss, who has owned and operated the Hilltop Market for 32 years, says that although collisions happen frequently along other stretches of County Road 21, this is only the second accident in three decades that has occurred anywhere near her place of business.

"I was surprised we had this happen here today," she says. "It scared me...I couldn't even think straight."

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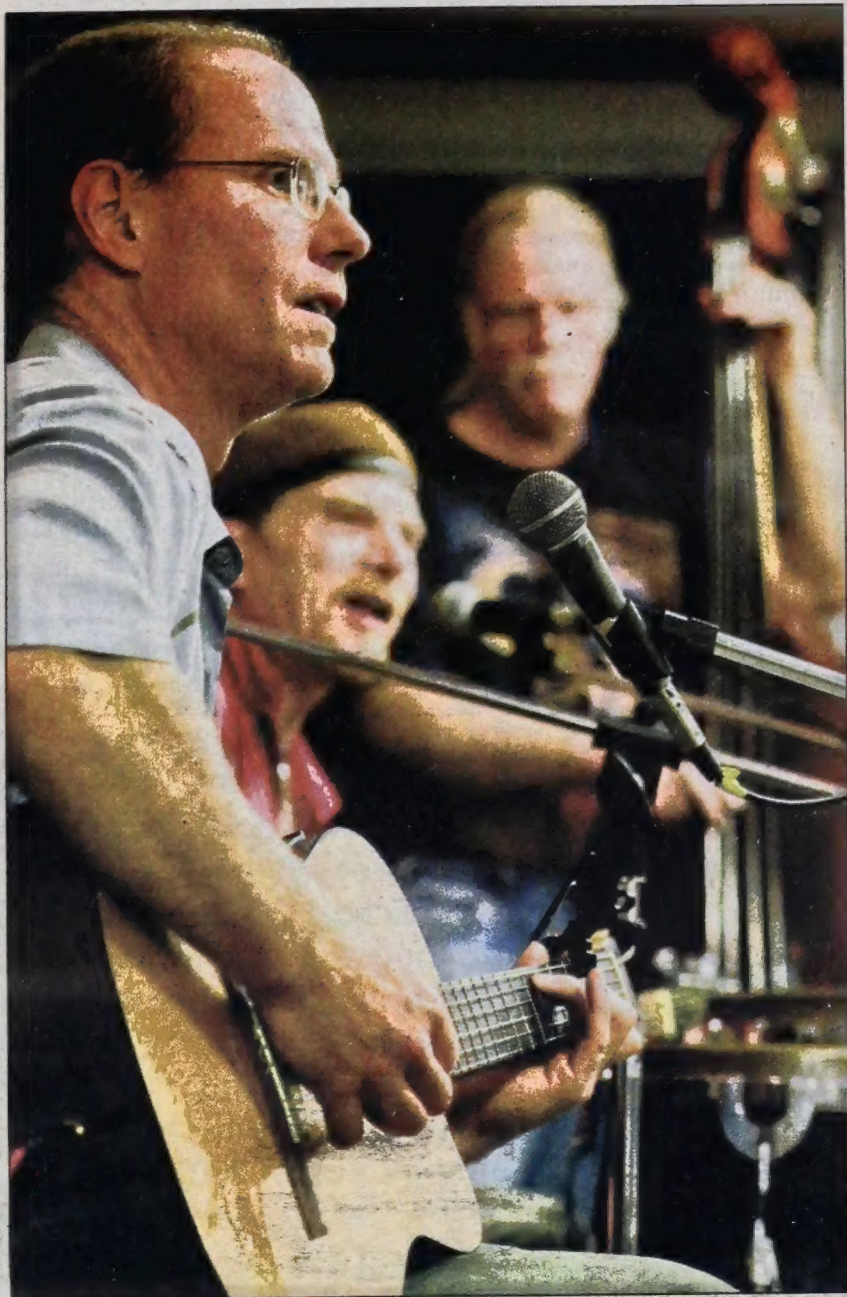
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Wasn't that an arty-party



The Hemlocks (Kris Kadwell, Barry Hayward, Ian Pay, and, not shown, April Gates) provided the entertainment for the Arty Party, a gathering organized by the Highlands Arts Council at the Great Hall at Fleming College. Above: naturopath Katherine Keyes (with Sue Shikaze) moved to Haliburton in September. "I want to support the arts council," she said. "I'm a lover of the arts. I'm also new to town, so I wanted to meet people."

Trees downed by tornadoes not salvageable

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The August 2 tornadoes were very harsh on local forests, and many landowners won't be able to recoup their cleanup costs by selling the fallen trees.

The Ministry of Natural Resources estimates that 1,470 acres of forest were severely affected by the ferocious winds. That doesn't include the 500 acres damaged at Haliburton Forest.

The county's forest conservation officer thinks that the MNR's numbers are probably low. James Rogers also told county council, in a written report presented at last Wednesday's meeting, that "most of the area damaged is not likely to be commercially viable for salvage operations."

He's issued six logging permits for storm-related damage. "Many other harvesting operations have had to adjust their work plans to clean up minor areas of storm damage."

Rogers has issued eight other logging permits since his last report in July. This brings the total number of active permits issues since March 31 to 43, covering approximately 5,644 acres. These figures are similar to those of 2005.

Of the current logging operations, 45 per cent are being conducted using tree marking to determine which trees will be cut while the remaining 55 per cent are using the county's diameter limit system. The county would prefer that more loggers use tree markers.

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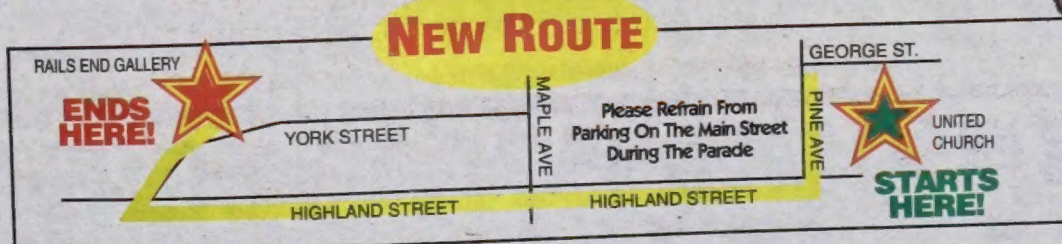
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Highlander of Year a new spring tradition

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Every November, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce celebrates the past year by naming a Highlander of the Year. Now the board has decided to start a new tradition by announcing who has been given such an honour in the spring.

A few weeks ago, the Chamber held its annual general meeting with none of the traditional fanfare that surrounded the naming of the Highlander and Business of the Year. Instead, it's planning to host an awards banquet in March at which time many people's contributions to Highlands life will be acknowledged.

"It will be something special for our members to kick off a new season," says the Chamber's administrative co-ordinator Charlene English.

As well as awarding the Highlander of the Year and Business of the Year honours, the board is discussing how it can recognize other types of achievements. Perhaps there can be an award for the business that strives to give young people a start in their careers or the non-profit groups that contribute so much to the wellbeing of Highlanders' daily lives.

"We want the banquet to be more of a celebration," English says.

This has been a "transitional year" for the Chamber. Last year county council decided not to hire the

Chamber to be its marketing arm. The Chamber would no longer be responsible for operating the tourist information centre or promoting the Highlands outside its borders. Since this had long been the Chamber's *raison d'être*, the Chamber had to redefine its role.

Now it is much more like other Chambers of Commerce, dedicated to helping all businesses not just primarily those in the tourism sector. It is hosting workshops on topics from taxation to customer service, provides office support to its 340 members, will lobby on members' behalf and will help members cope with the changing face of Haliburton County's business environment. A new advocacy committee will begin contacting members to ask them what their issues are and how the Chamber can help.

"We're just trying to be here for our members," English says. "If there are issues, let us know so we can target our energies in that direction."

Encouraging today's youth



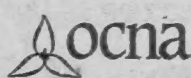
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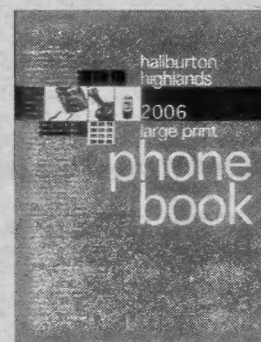
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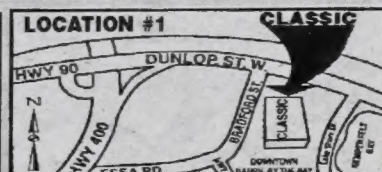
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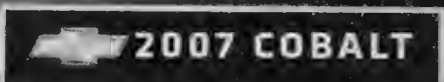
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Four-way split doesn't help candidates

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cally, the province's third largest county. With provincial downloading, things are much more difficult than they used to be."

Davis maintains that it takes political experience in council before a newcomer develops the "continuity, knowledge, alliances, and history" to be an effective deputy-reeve. "New councillors will gain these things over time."

He also says this will be his last term as deputy-reeve. "I am retiring from my full-time job in 2007 so I'll be able to devote even more hours to this position. I'd like to bring conclusion to several ongoing issues like waste management but I know that these things take time. We're not just doing this by ourselves, we're dealing with outside ministries and that often slows everything down."

"I'm glad the campaign is over. I'm happy to be back and I'm there for the people as I've always been."

Walt McKechnie, who finished second, is not happy that Davis is back. "There's

no question, I wanted to win; coming second is no great achievement."

"Having said that, I'd like to thank all those who voted for me. My heart and commitment to this community is truly large, and I wish the new council all the best and I hope that they can achieve all the goals they set out."

Asked if he'd consider running again, he said, "It's early to say right now, but if I did it would be with lots of thought beforehand."

McKechnie credits Davis' victory to a strong, established vote base. "He's been there for a while. That was hard to overcome."

He also says that having four candidates running for deputy-reeve didn't help.

"I don't begrudge Bob Nichol or Jim Henwood for running. They had as much right as I did and we all thought what we did was best. But I do think it split the vote and didn't help any of us."

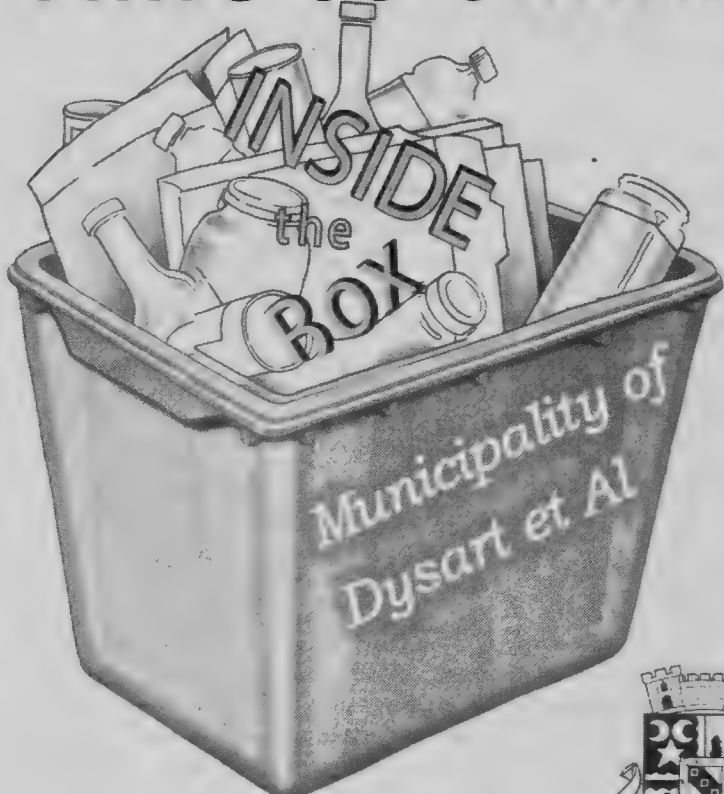
Lastly, he took offence at Davis's comment in last week's *Echo* that this was not an entry-level position.

"Before I made the decision to run, I had a three-hour meeting to get a clear idea of the deputy-reeve job description."

"This isn't brain surgery. I know I'm not a deputy-reeve but I also know that Bill Davis isn't one either."

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County tries to spare the salt

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports from county road department items discussed by county council recently.

Salt may help keep roads safer in the winter but it can be very hard on the environment.

Recognizing this, and wanting to minimize the impact of salting roads, the county roads department is implementing a salt management plan. "We are very careful when we use salt," said operations manager Doug Ray.

The program will monitor such things as snow accumulation, days with freezing rain and how much salt is used. The program will also note these times when the amount of salt discharged exceeded accepted rates and any spills.

Ray says that there are new technologies that also make salt spreading more efficient and less wasteful.

County Road 21

The county will issue a request for proposal for an engineering study of County Road 21 for the 6.8 km between Soyers Lake Road and Peninsula Drive.

The 2006 road needs update identified that the road needed work done on its base, surface and drainage.

By doing the study now the county will be able to put the job out for tender for 2008. The money for the study is already in the budget.

Needs update

As more and more people live in and visit the Highlands, traffic patterns are changing. Council agreed to the department's recommendation that it prepare a draft level of service policy for winter maintenance. The present standards are based on a policy prepared in 1999.



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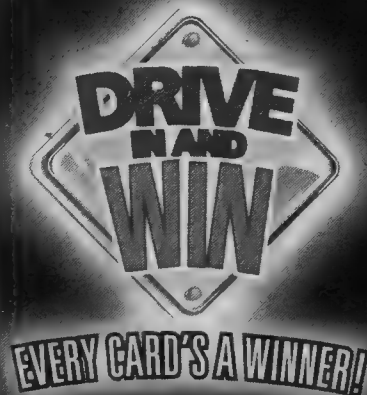
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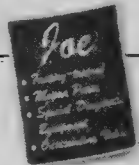
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Opening the door to curiosity

Fleming College opened its doors on the weekend. Ceramics student Amber Clair (left) shows Lee Walker of Burlington the different effects different chemicals, minerals and compounds have on glazes used to coat ceramics. Walker's daughter Erin is a student in the painting and drawing program. "It's terrific here," he said. "It's a great school." Above: Julie Campbell was working on an abstract work. "This is the under-painting, so this is the third coat. This is just the background."

Trillium Lakelands District School Board Seeks Special Education Advisory Committee Members

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is seeking persons interested in serving on its Special Education Advisory Committee:

- * Representatives nominated by Associations representing students with special needs
- * Representatives from the Community

The Special Education Advisory Committee has responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Education regarding any matter affecting the establishment and development of Special Education programs for exceptional children. The Committee meets 10 times per year.

Applicants must be eligible to vote and meet the following criteria:

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Interested persons are asked to respond, in writing, by Thursday, November 30th, 2006 outlining their eligibility, experience and interest in Special Education to:

Ms. Shelley Mierle - Superintendent of Program
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Pathfinders complete 200 challenges to earn one of the highest honours in Guiding

Two Pathfinders from Haliburton were officially awarded their Canada Cords in an Oshawa ceremony on Sunday, November 5.

Sara Day and Lindsay Jowett, both of Haliburton, completed over 200 challenges to deserve this distinction.

Pathfinders range from 12 to 15 years of age. Their program theme is "For Fun and Opportunities". This branch of Guiding was created for girls who are ready to venture into a wider world of discovery, challenge, and service.

All members of the Pathfinder Unit have an equal voice in all decisions whether large or small. Working together provides opportunities to learn and develop attributes such as co-operation, communication, consideration, concern, commitment, companionship, and confidence.

The unit Guiders lead the girls along the paths of self-discovery and self-reliance. The program is composed of seven Emblems: Be Prepared, Camping, Community, Home, Leadership, and Outdoors.



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Senior Branch members Lindsay Jowett of West Guilford and Sara Day of Haliburton received the Canada Cord, the highest honour for Pathfinders. The award requires Girl Guides to reach a certain level of community hours and camping challenges. "I achieved something I set my mind to," Lindsay says. "A lot of work went into getting it." "I finally got what I was trying to do for eight years," Sara adds.

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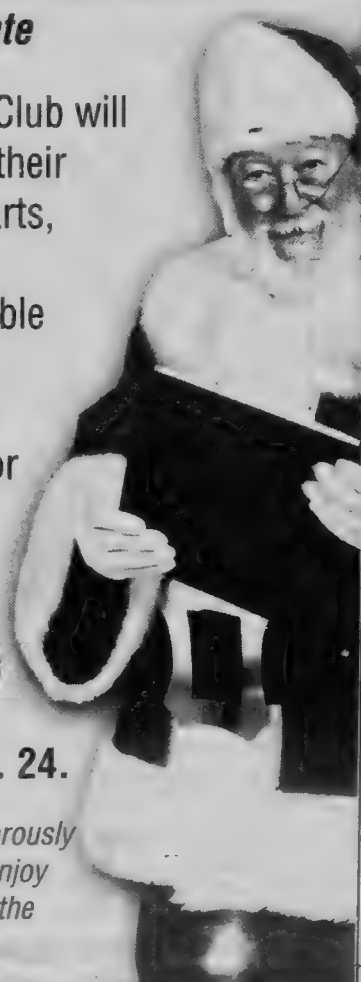


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Candidate wants magistrate to open ballots

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Cook confirms that roughly 21 per cent of ballots cast in last week's election were rejected due to problems with voter declaration forms. In some cases voters forgot to sign the declaration, which is used to confirm their identity, while in other cases it is suspected that voters included the declaration inside the second secrecy envelope meant only for their ballot. Because municipal officials cannot open the secrecy envelope without first seeing a signed declaration, those voting kits were discarded immediately.

Cox says a large part of the problem stems from the fact that the declaration form was located on the back of the instruction sheet, rather than being a separate form altogether. He suggests that many voters opened their kits and were confused by the process, and when they didn't immediately see the declaration, they didn't realize how crucial it was to the process.

"It wasn't laid out the way that I think it should have been...it was very misleading. Even on the bottom of the instructions it could have said 'Please turn over,'" he says.

Cox also blames the municipality for not ringing any alarm bells, and suggests that perhaps measures should have been taken to stop the election when such an overwhelming discrepancy arose.

"As soon as they put it on the radio and put it in the paper, then as far as I'm concerned they knew that there was something wrong with the election," he says. "[Municipalities that] went with DataFix are up in the 20 to 25 per cent range for spoiled ballots, and those that went with Canada Post saw one to three per cent. Doesn't that tell you that there's something wrong with it?"

While both Highlands East and Minden Hills experienced rejection rates of nearly one in five, the municipality of Dysart, which lies between the two geographically, saw only two per cent of their ballots rejected. This is attributed to the fact that Dysart continued to use Canada Post's mail-in voting kits, while both Highlands East and Minden Hills used kits from the Toronto-based company DataFix. (The Canada Post mail-in voting system supplies voters with an outer "window envelope" that cannot be mailed unless the instructions are followed precisely).

In the final weeks of the election campaign high rejection rates were observed beyond just Highlands East and Minden Hills. To the south, both the townships of Douro-Dummer and North Kawartha also reported close to 20 per cent rejection rates, as well as other municipalities across the province, such as South Huron (north of London) and the town of Smiths Falls.

When contacted by the *Echo*, a representative from DataFix refused to comment on the matter, saying that their company has yet to receive any final statistics

from the 2006 municipal election.

Under the Municipal Act all candidates are given 30 days to request a recount by the municipality, but since the recount follows the exact same process as the election Cox says that wouldn't address the underlying failings of the system. Instead, Cox, Viner, Wessel and Schell are seeking legal advice to see if there is any way that the rejected ballots can be included in the process.

"I would like to have someone appoint a magistrate to do something with [the spoiled ballots], regardless of win, lose, or draw," he says. "Fair is fair."

Cox says that so long as the recount is carried out by an independent body with no local connections, any concerns over the confidentiality of ballots should be negated.

"They're so worried about the secrecy, and the right of the people, but if you get somebody from Timbuktu to do it, they don't know Tim, John, or Betsy. Basically they can do it without acknowledging anything."

In Minden Hills Lisa Schell lost out in the race for Ward 1 by a total of 11 votes, while Ward 2 incumbent Ingram Wessell was ousted by only six votes, the narrowest margin in all of Haliburton County. Chuck Viner, on the other hand, was defeated in Highlands East Ward 3 by a more significant margin of 76 votes, but he says his concerns lie less with his chances of winning the seat and more with the failings of the democratic system.

"I don't think it will do too much good for me, because I've got a way to go, but for someone like Basil, who is only nine votes out...with 20 per cent spoiled ballots they'd be crazy not to take a shot at it," Viner says.

"The democratic process means the world to me as a veteran...and it really bothers me to think that people voted with good intentions and because of some stupid technicality their vote isn't counting. That doesn't sit well with me at all."

Cox says that despite losing by so few votes he initially had no intentions of seeking a recount. It was only after hearing from members of the public that he decided to undertake the initiative, and after reading about similar problems in Minden Hills he decided to contact long-time friend Wessell and family friend Schell to combine efforts.

"I was prepared to say that I was defeated and that was the end of it. But I've had so many phone calls from people stating that they want me to do this recount that this is where we're at now," he says.

"I know for a fact that one lady didn't vote for me...I know that she's a supporter of my opponent, but she said 'You know Basil, you're really wrong for not asking for a recount.'"

Suzanne Partridge, Cox's opponent in Ward 2, says she's not at all surprised that he has chosen to contest

the results in the fallout of such a close race. However, she says that she doesn't agree with Cox's idea of opening and counting the rejected ballots.

"You just can't do that. If people didn't sign the declaration, then it's meaningless. Anyone could have mailed it in," she says. "I'm a great believer in the process, and even if 21 per cent were spoiled that doesn't mean that they would be for one candidate or another. They'd likely follow the same pattern."

A large number of eligible voters in Ward 2 are cottagers or seasonal residents - by his estimate, nearly two thirds. Because seasonal residents often cannot be here to vote on election day, the mail-in voting system was first adopted to make it easier for them to have a say in municipal matters.

However, with the flaws that were prevalent in this year's election, Cox speculates that the cottage vote may have suffered significantly, since those voters would not have heard the radio announcements, nor would they have the time to travel several hours just to be issued a second voting kit.

"I had names here, and I looked them up for my ward, and a lot of them are in Toronto, or Mississauga, or Hamilton. There's no way that you can call them and get them to come all the way out to Capital Hill, which is Wilberforce, to make a new ballot. It's just too late."

And because only 31.4 per cent of eligible voters cast a ballot in Highlands East (including a meager 28.85 per cent in Cox's Ward 2), he feels that every step should be taken to redeem and revive the spoiled 21 per cent.

"As far as I'm concerned it was a very poor turnout. And to have such a poor turnout and then turn around and throw out close to 1,000 votes, well there's something wrong there."

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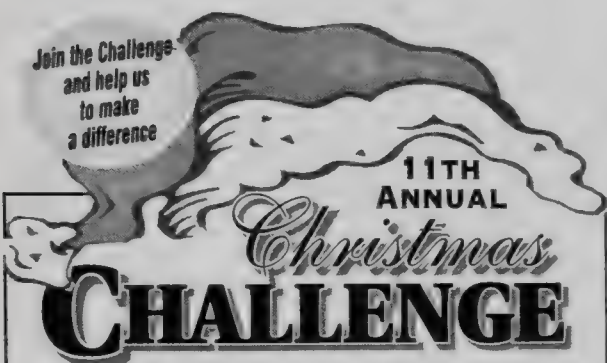
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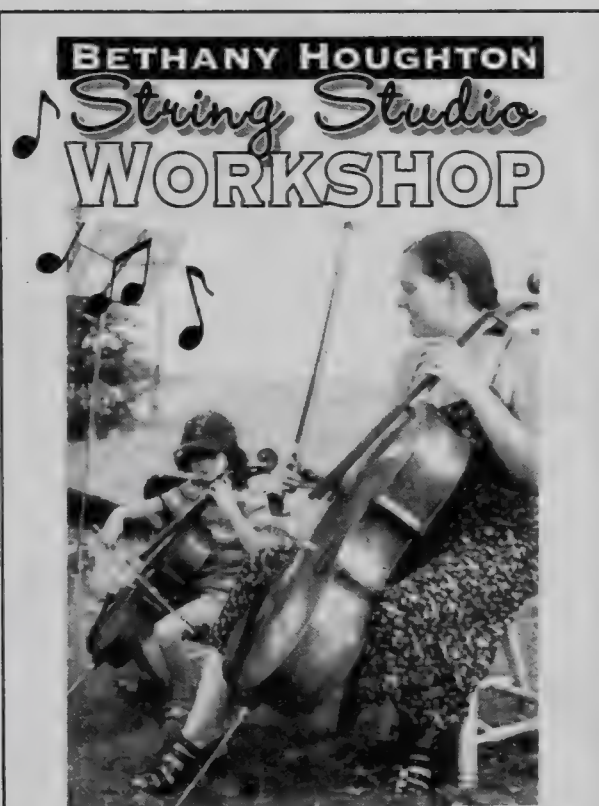
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Marnie Blair leads 22-year old Tabby through the pasture at the Blair homestead while two-year old Salem stays behind. The farm hasn't hosted horses for 40 years; Blair's grandfather used them to drive concrete. She uses these newly adopted horses for her therapy practice.

Horses that heal: Blair farm offers unique therapy

CASEY LESSARD

Staff Reporter

Horses are a relatively common sight on the few farms dotting Haliburton County, but they've been noticeably absent from one Soyers Lake Road property.

"It's 40 years since there's been horses here," said Lee Blair at the family homestead, where his parents moved after marrying in 1917. "Our dad got old and he sold them. The horses were 28 years old when they left here."

And they're back, two of them to be precise. Twenty-two year old Tabby is part Clydesdale and part thoroughbred, and two-year-old Salem is part Percheron and part Hanoverian. They're clearly not the original horses the farm hosted, and their use has changed.

"Dad was 12 years old when he was driving (Percheron) horses," Blair said. "He'd take horse and wagon to the dam at Redstone, pulling cement for the dam. They drew a ton."

Blair's daughter Marnie uses the horses in her therapy practice. Her Masters degree focused on psychotherapy, in particular expressive counselling, art and companion animal therapy.

"It's really effective for depression, some forms of anxiety, kids who have problems focusing," Marnie says. "The famous attention deficit disorder, it's good for that. Attachment difficulties."

"With selective clients, I'll work with one or both of the horses. I'll start with Tabby because she's more used to people."

Tabby is a gentle giant, preferring private time instead of being the centre of attention. Salem, on the other hand, enjoys playing and nuzzling.

"It calms people down to be with them," Blair says. "Gets their minds off whatever they think is wrong."

"There's a sense of satisfaction from a relationship with a powerful animal. It's empowering to have control over Tabby, who weighs over 1,500 pounds. Usually our relationship patterns are consistent so if, for instance, we find we're always bribing the horses to come to us, we might wonder if that's how we are with the people in our lives."

Blair is present for the animal therapy sessions, but prefers to let the client interact and learn from the experience.

"It's usually stronger if people figure things out on their own. Sometimes I help if I think it's useful."

Although not a client, Lee Blair has already found the horses' presence beneficial.

"Oh, nice! Oh, yeah," he said. "It's just nice to see in the pastures. My dog Paddie really likes it too."

Now that her business is building, Marnie is looking to restore the stable in the property's very old barn. While the horses will always stay outside ("It's better for their breathing and conditioning and psychologically," she says. "They'll only be inside if it's really cold and wet."), Blair wants to have a place she can better control the feeding process.

"Horses can be aggressive over their food, so it's easier if I can separate them."

And while most businesses are eager to grow, Blair says her current roster is plenty.

"Just two," she said. "That's enough for now."

If you're interested in learning more about what Blair does, you can contact her at (705) 457-2739.



Salem, right, enjoys getting close to people and playing. Above right, Tabby and Salem graze in front of the property's original barn.

County will draft road cost policy

Developers will then know how much work they'll be expected to pay for

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When a new development is proposed, the developer must notify the county roads department.

The department will look at such things as safety and traffic counts to determine if it will allow access onto a county road and what types of engineering requirements will be imposed.

"Because there aren't a lot of them, we look at the proposals individually," operations manager Doug Ray told county council on Wednesday. "If the developer can satisfy us there won't be a significant impact, we can stop there. If there is an impact we work with the developer."

In cases such as Williams Landing, a cottage development on Lake Kashagawigamog that access Kashagawigamog Road, and the new Curry Motors and Independent Grocer, which access County Road 21, the developer was required to pay for improvements to the

county road to allow for the extra traffic volume.

But as the county continues to grow, the roads department would like a more formalized system of responding to development issues. It asked for and received permission from county council to draft new policy guidelines to help it determine when to ask a developer for a more in-depth traffic study.

There is concern, Ray said, "that there is no clear written policy on how the situation is handled. It's pretty hard to nail down what you'll do with each development until you put it into policy."

One development currently on the table is the transformation of the Silver Eagle trailer park on Lake Kashagawigamog into a residential development. Silver Eagle fronts onto a municipal road but that road intersects with County Road 21. It stands to reason that the development will have an impact at that intersection.

Making sure the intersection is safe may only require putting in a streetlight to make the intersection more visible at night, Ray said. But if the development creates more traffic, there might also be concerns about the small hill at the base of the municipal road just before it comes to a stop at the county road.

But how can you predict there will be more traffic, said Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis. The property is currently a trailer park with lots of in and out traffic. Will there be more traffic if it's a residential communi-

ty? Perhaps the fact that Deer Lodge is no longer open may have decreased traffic counts.

"Maybe there should have been a light there before and now we're going to jump on the developer?"

"We are not against development," Ray said, but the county must also protect its interests and the safety of drivers. "It's not meant to be onerous but we want everything to function well."

While there may be dozens of little changes that affect traffic flow on any given road, "there's always the card that topples the deck."

He also noted that the Ministry of Transportation may be changing its policy regarding the need for traffic studies. "There will be an onus on the municipality to look at it."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey says that any new policy should not strictly focus on plans of subdivision, which must already undergo lengthy planning processes. Sometimes a series of lots that are created by severance can also have an impact on roads.

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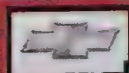
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Art FUNdamentals

Children were invited to learn the FUNdamentals of art at the Rails End Gallery over the past four weeks. The gallery will host a similar workshop starting in January. This session focused on line, colour, composition, texture and form, while the January session will involve puppets with guest artist Shelley King.

Top left: Evelyn Woof isn't afraid to get her hands dirty. "It was pretty fun," she said. "We put paint on the glass, put paper on the glass, and press down really hard."

Top right: Laurie Jones and Charlotte Paton discuss the best way to make the prints. "I like making new friends," Charlotte said.

Above left: Charlotte checks her print to see how it's looking.

Above right: Programming manager Daniela Pagliaro helps Charlotte lay her work out to dry while Laurie Jones helps Betty Paton, Cassidy Glecoff and Evelyn Woof. "It's fun," Betty said. "You don't have to be a good artist to be able to express yourself."



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Grade 3 students from Stuart Baker Elementary School took a walk November 7 to Fleming College, where they toured the facilities and the grounds.
Top left: Sculpture Forest curator Jim Blake shows Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 3 students a wire sculpture by Charles O'Neill.
Top right: Robert Nicholls and Austin Titus take the hands-on approach to the tour, checking out the materials used to carve the Sleep of the Huntress.
Above left: Cassie Stoughton and Sydney Cameron marvel at bowls carved from wood in the school's front foyer.
Above right: Cody Williams and Riley Lambshead pair up to give answers to Jim Blake's questions about the Sculpture Forest.

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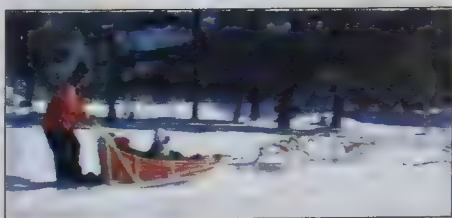
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Build the House bonspiel sees many great shots

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to the Echo

This past weekend saw lots of great shots and a few missed shots as the Haliburton Curling Club hosted the two-day Build the House bonspiel. Thirty-two teams played three six-end games over four draws. All levels of curlers, junior, night and seniors, participated from the club along with guests from London, Uxbridge, Oshawa and Cannington Curling Clubs.

The top three winners are as follows.

The first overall winning team was skipped by Jeff Ainsley with Lise Ainsley, Gerald Taylor, and Bunny Scott.

Second place went to the Wayne Hussey team with Patrick Mitchell, Lolita Mitchell and Shelley Sorichetti.

Third-place team was skipped by John Smillie, with Cheryl Smillie, Bill Vermeersch, and Wendy Vermeersch.

Other winners included Moe Welch's team, Wayne Shepherd's team, Sandra Anderson's team, Bill Hare's team and Del Watson's team. The most honest team for the bonspiel belonged to Chester Howse. All the prizes for this event were supplied by Colio Wines.

Entertainment and the dinner was top notch. The famous Martin Ducky races were a hit with the curlers along with an excellent roast beef dinner catered by Janet Tice. Music for listening and dancing was played by Gary Cameron.

Thanks were extended by club president Chester Howse to the bonspiel chair Bob MacNaull for his many hours of work to organize this large undertaking. Thanks also go out to Bev and

Bruce Martin, Wayne DeJong, bartender, John Watson ice maker, Phyllis Woodcock and Bunny Scott registration. Thanks also to Larry Holden, Bob Johnson and John Smillie for all their assistance.

Haliburton Curling Club hosted the Minden Senior Mixed Interclub bonspiel on Wednesday, November 15.

Winner of the first draw was Glen Smith, skip, with Sandra Duchemin, Richard Duchemin and Don Curry. Second place team was skipped by Rod Mabley, third place went to the team of Don Pflug.

Second draw winners were John Smillies' team with Cheryl Smillie, Hilda Attridge and Norah Hill. Second place (after a tie breaker) went to Bruce Martin's team and third place to Ted Wilkes's team.

This event was chaired by Tom Parish. The total points for the Haliburton Club were 117.5 points and Minden received 100.5 points.

The second half of this bonspiel will be played in Minden on January 16.

Curlers, remember that December 16 will be the Christmas dinner and dance at the curling club. Tickets will be for sale soon.



Top, 1st place winners:
Left to right, Jeff Ainsley, Lise Ainsley,
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Bottom, second place: Left to right,
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Weekend brings victory for Novice Storm hockey team

ROB HILL

Special to the Echo

The Novice Storm had a victorious weekend against the Port Carling Thunder and the Almaguin Red Devils with scores of 7-1 and 11-0 on November 18 and 19 respectively.

It was quite obvious that goalie Austin McKay had a good handle on his position allowing only one goal and demonstrating the fine art of poke checking against a rushing Port Carling forward.

Brendan McKee had a big day with his first goal of the season as well as an assist. Brendan is clearly developing his skills at a fast rate. Also of special mention is defenseman Andrew Hall who found the back of the net with his first goal as well.

Jake Bishop contributed two assists adding to the Storm's steadily improving passing game. Other goals were contributed by Jaydon Wood, Noah Dollo, and Sydney Cameron.

Sunday's game was highlighted by an excellent defensive effort by Jaydon Wood, Andrew Hall, Joel Fedeski, Ryan Hill and Austin McKay.

Does that make two shutouts by Austin so far this year?

Offensively the Storm was strong as well with goals by Jaydon Wood, Morgan Hamilton, Brendan McKee, Jake Bishop, Chase Burden. Joel Fedeski and Ethan Miles.

It has been nice to see the goal scoring coming from a greater number of players, again evidence of improved team play.

Highland Storm PeeWees come together

WADE MACINNES

Special to the Echo

The 2006/07 Storm PeeWee Rep Hockey team for Haliburton County has a rookie-laden lineup this season. What they lack in size and experience they make up for in desire.

Losing six hometown PeeWee-age players to the AAA Lindsay Wolves has opened the door for six other Storm players to move up and have a chance to represent our county at the rep level.

Coaches Dean Chaulk, Bernie Upton, Andy Salvatori and Don Lewis knew from the get go that this would be a learning year for this team and focusing on team play would be key. With only Ryan Hunter returning from last year's rep team the other players would be called upon to step up and play certain roles for the team such as power plays, penalty kills and checking assignments.

Along with Ryan, Stephan Schollig, Dillon Upton, Jonathan Salvatori, John Rae and Goalie Rob Lewis are second-year PeeWees (12 year olds).

The majority of the team are first year PeeWees who are 11: Nick Hunter, Stewart Chaulk, Donovan MacInnes, Taylor Rowbotham, Tanner Hamilton, Jacob Harrison, Mike Nelson, and Drew Hewitt.

After one tie and four straight losses in their first five regular season games the young PeeWee Storm boys have jelled together and turned things around. They now have a record of seven wins, six losses and two ties with a .538 winning percentage. They have outscored their opponents 52-46 in 15 games.

"Razor" Rob Lewis has been spectacular between the pipes for the Storm, supporting a 3.06 goal-

against average while facing 30-40 shots per game.

Hockey being a game of possession has three basic modes. Either your team has the puck or the opponents have it or neither team has it. The mission is to get the puck and control it because the team that controls the puck the most usually has the better chance of being victorious.

The boys have been working hard in practices listening to the coaches about control and not throwing the puck away. The team's success of late can be chalked up to some smart coaching, willingness to learn and the desire to execute.

We are not sure how this young team will fare this season in the OMHA playdowns but one thing is for sure - they are playing as a team and with the greatest hockey parents in Canada they will have a fun and supportive minor hockey season and that is really what it is all about.

Finally the whole storm PeeWee team wishes a speedy recovery for Tanner's little brother Dawson "Bubbles" Hamilton at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Thank You!



I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the election.

I will continue to work hard for the municipality and for Ward 3.

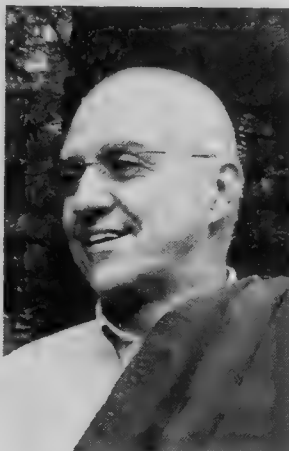
Donna Graham
Ward 3 Councillor

To those who helped me in my bid for Councillor Ward 2, Dysart et al, thank you!

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Thank You



I would like to thank the people of Ward 1 in Dysart et al for their support in the election last week. I look forward to serving on council for the next four years, and hope to do a good job for this community. I'm grateful for the incredible encouragement I had along the way from my family, friends and supporters. In particular Steve, Kori, Sarah, Emily, Deb, Nancy P., Nancy B., Mike, Heather, Sheila, Jim, Michael, Jane, Sam and Chester for being such a gentleman. Thanks again to all of you!!

Andrea Roberts

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To all of those who supported me with your vote of confidence during this election, thank you. To those who worked with me during this election campaign, I am extremely grateful. To my worthy opponents in this election, congratulations on a hard fought campaign.

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Ladies, start your engines

Organizers have announced that Haliburton will play host to the 8th annual Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run, which raises funds to support women with their fight against the disease.

The all-women snowmobile event will take place on February 2, 2007, at Haliburton's Delta Pinestone Resort, and organizers say that response for participation thus far been phenomenal.

The event features a wide variety of trails to choose from, catering to all skill levels and preference. Everyone is encouraged to come and be a part of this worthwhile event, and those interested are encouraged to register early and raise donations in support of the cause.

The Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run is a registered Canadian charity. It helps to financially assist women diagnosed with breast cancer as they face unforeseen expenses which health

insurance programs may not cover. The trust provides assistance to women in these circumstances in order to make their fight with cancer a little less challenging.

In addition to donations, additional funds this year will be generated from a raffle on February 3. Prizes will include a 2007 MZX TRAIL 500 Ski-Doo with single trailer (donated by Factory Recreation & Bombardier Recreational Products, trailer donated by Hyland Trailers), a \$500 Royal Distributing gift certificate (donated by Royal Distributing) and a stay for two at Delta Pinestone Resort (donated by Pinestone). Tickets are \$10 each and can be obtained by contacting the Breast Cancer Snow Run office at 1-877-436-6467.

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Cold weather brings on clothing drive

community news

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

For the third consecutive year, Frances and Keith Burns have been providing a most worthy and appreciated service at the beginning of cold weather. Their initiative began with letters for the students at school to take home. Notice is also broadcast on Canoe FM to the effect that the Burns' will collect from school and from the IGA outdoor winter clothing which they then transport to Lindsay cleaners who clean the articles free of charge. Keith and Frances then deposit the articles at Wintergreen (this year by Nov. 18) where they are seen and chosen for appropriate sizes and ages. In Minden, Early Years takes care of any clothing left and distributes it wherever needed at other points within the county. Heartfelt thanks to Keith and Frances for this active community service.

On Nov. 18, Gudrun Helmenstein presented the West Guilford Chapel audience with a talk and slides of her teaching time in Belize. The Brethren school with 40+ to a classroom, all children in uniform, was situated in Belize City and Gudrun was there from October to April, teaching mostly grade 5's, but obviously although she did not express this herself,

a good influence on various individuals who were in need of a friend and kindly counseling.

As to hunting - Cooper Hunt Camp - 6 deer again on the second week. Gerald Morrison was there for this second week and totally delighted when Seth, staying

with his grandparents, was brought into the cookhouse for the day by his grandfather Perry. He was as happy about it as his dad. Alan came over from Orillia bearing fiddle and banjo for music with the others on Friday and Saturday after the hunt.



Doug Aldworth and Kate Hall (above) got help from fellow Community in Action Committee members Sue Shikaze and Thom Lambert installing signs showing how to move actively around Haliburton. "Our message is: 'Park the car and get moving,'" Hall said. Signs are in four free parking areas around town, and similar signs will go up in Minden. Haliburton Forest donated the wood, Bob Briscoe built the kiosks, and the BIA paid for the triangular signage. Funding came from the Ministry of Health Promotion's Communities in Action Fund.

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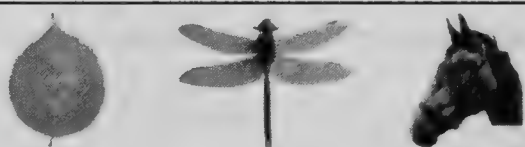
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The two churches are hosting A Mission of Love, a deli-

cious, complimentary traditional turkey dinner at the Baptist church in Haliburton. The festivities start at 4 p.m. with eggnog and carols followed by dinner at 5 p.m.

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Wilberforce curling club opens house for the season

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Curling leagues at the Wilberforce Club have all got underway. Lots of happy folks as their teams settle in for a new season. Leagues play Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and during the day on Wednesday. Several bonspiels are planned. The senior students from the local school will have lessons likely after Christmas. It is shaping to be a good season of action at the Club.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Branch 624 are a very hard working group of women. At the recent Remembrance Day lunch the L.A. presented a cheque for \$2,500 to the branch for its work. The L.A. was well presented at the Remembrance Day Service with their colours being carried by Betty Hayward, Joan Clark and Vicky Shcherbak.

The annual Santa's Workshop Craft Bazaar being held on Saturday, December 2, at the Lloyd Watson Centre is greatly anticipated by shoppers and vendors alike. Being presented by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild it will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At whatever time you come to browse the tables piled with Christmas decorations, knit wear, jams, jellies and ornaments, there will always be something on which to snack. The St. Margaret's people will have muffins for the morning's late breakfast or coffee break. They will have sandwiches, chili and tea biscuits and pie so you can lunch. Tea and coffee are free all day.

Watch for the great Cookie Sale by St. Margaret's ACW. The United Church people always have some neat things. The Linkert fruitcakes will be available at the Heritage Guild table. We hear that the Outreach Centre will have a table of silent auction items and the Eastern Star will sell cookbooks that have been donated to them. Something for everyone. Drop in. It's a great place to visit with the neighbours.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mary Florence Bowen on Thursday, November 2, 2006. Mary (Dack) Bowen was in her 85 year. She was predeceased by her husband Lloyd. Mary was the sister of Millie and Madeline and predeceased by sisters Maggie, Gladys, Pauline, and brothers Willard and James.

Mary passed away at Extencicare, Haliburton. A private graveside service was held at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.

Belated condolences are extended to the family of James Benjamin Dack. Jim died quietly at his home in



CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Carol Cowley portrayed Brenda and Judy Adams performed the part of Michael in skits about bus safety and dental health as the Kids on the Block visited Wilberforce Elementary School Wednesday.

St. Catherines, Ontario on Thursday, October 12, 2006. He was the beloved husband of the late Tressa Dack, nee Gibson, who passed away in 1993. Jim would have been 87 years of age this month (November).

He is lovingly remembered by his family who included stepchildren Ruth (Ross) Casey of Wilberforce, Ruby (Glen) Powell of Coboconk, Eric (Barb) Dunford of St. Catherines, Darlene Cameron of Mission, B.C., Sharon (Bud) Smith of Oshawa, Phyllis (John) Trepanier of Nepean and son Paul of St. Catherines. Fondly remembered by grandchildren and great grandchildren and his sisters Millie Wilson and Madeline Cully.

He was predeceased by sisters Maggie (Frank) McMahon, Gladys (Cecil) Frayne, Pauline Hubbard and brother Willard (Florence). Sister Mary Bowen died November 2, 2006. Jim who grew up in Tory Hill was a Great Lakes seaman for many years. He will be well remembered by nephew Ron (Irma) Dack whom he

used to visit especially to enjoy the deer hunting seasons and by all his family.

The Santa Claus Parade will be held on Sunday, December 10 here in Wilberforce. It is always followed by a fine time at the Lloyd Watson Centre where the children get to meet the old Christmas Elf. Do plan to enter the parade that accompanies Santa through the village to the hall. Call either Lynn Waugh 448-3674 or Joanne Hughey 448-2194 for information or to enter or to volunteer to help.

A few Christmas events you might like to put on your calendar: Christmas Open House at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House is Thursday, December 7 both afternoon and evening. The Victorian Tea at the Harcourt Chapel is also December 7 in the evening. The Community Carol Service is Sunday, December 10 at 7 p.m. The Essonville Church Carol Service will be a special one this year - it's on December 24, Christmas Eve.

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The Razzamataz season continues on Sunday, February 4 with "The Wizard of Oz" presented by Erehwon Theatre. This presentation of the well-loved classic blends music, theatrical techniques, fabulous sets, props, magical tricks and participation from children in the audience.

On Sunday, March 4 Splash n'Boots will get parents and children dancing, singing and laughing with "The Next Generation of Children's Music."

The season closes on Sunday, April 22 at YMCA Camp Wanakita with "Little Big Frog" by Faustwork Mask Theatre. This morality play features puppets, masks, and physical comedy while encouraging us to search for and accept our own true nature.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. You may wish to consider a season pass which offers substantial savings at only \$20 for all four shows.

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For more information about the season, check out www.razzamataz.ca. Tickets and season passes can be purchased at the door or by calling Amy Klose at 457-4266 or Stacey Bennett at 286-4511.



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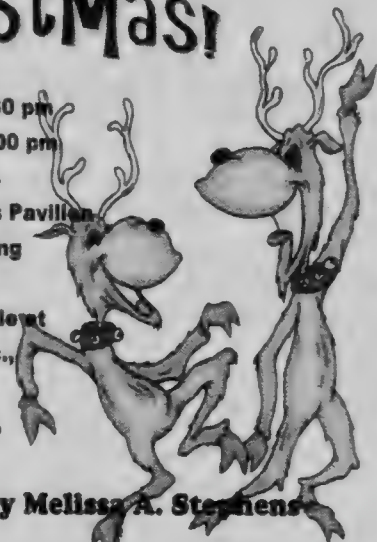
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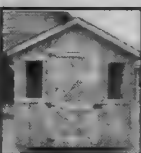


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The deadline for applications to the County of Haliburton is November 30, 2006.
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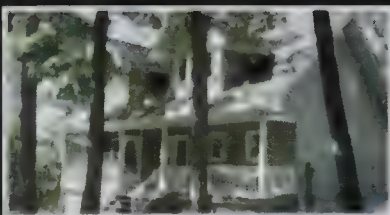
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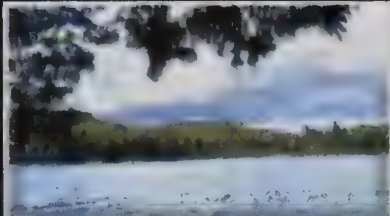
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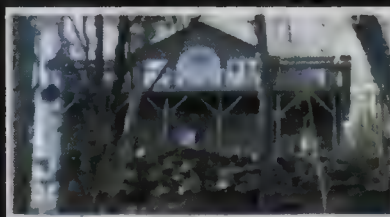
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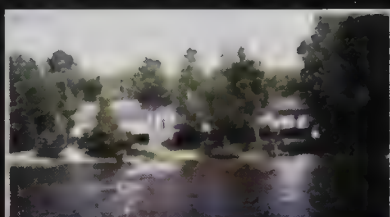
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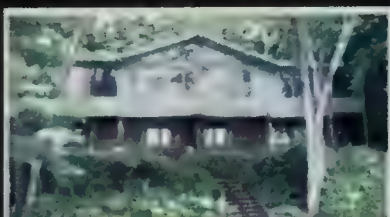


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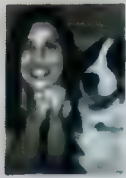
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This workshop about performance poetry will take place on Thursday, November 23 at 1 p.m. in the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. It will be run by Lea Harper, recipient of the LaPointe Prize for poetry, who has had her poems widely published in Canada, the U.S. and U.K. Her songs have received a Juno nomination and won a Canadian Reggae Award.

The afternoon event is for poets who want to deliver their works effectively. Bring in your own poetry to practise on or bring in something you like from the works of beat poets such as Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burrows, Jack Kerouack or others.

Discussion will touch on voice projection, diction, phonetics, cadence, tone, rhythm, use of gestures as well as what participants like or dislike about poetry readings and why.

Poetry for the Page and Poetry for the Stage is presented by the Writer in Residence Program at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. There is no charge for joining in, but please register with Pauline Johnson at 489-3878. If needed, the snow date will be on Thursday, November 30. Listen to Canoe Radio if you suspect it may be cancelled due to inclement weather or call Pauline Johnson at 705-489-3878.



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Remembrance Day Services were well attended in spite of weather. Rain held off until after the parade and laying of the wreaths. There was an excellent attendance at the dinner; 125 dinners were served.

After the dinner the branch was presented with a cheque from the Ladies' Auxiliary for \$3,000 for which the branch is very grateful. The guest speaker was Eric Ross, vice-chairman of provincial command, who was accompanied by his wife Debbie.

During Remembrance Week representatives from the Legion Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary attended services at all the schools including four at the high school.

The Ladies Auxiliary general meeting will be on November 23 at 1 p.m. preceded by a potluck dinner at noon. The Zone Commander will be making her annual visit at that time.

There are still some "We Support Our Troops" lapel pins and fridge magnets available at the bar. The lapel pins are only \$3 and the magnets are \$5.

Br. 129 will be hosting a New Year's Eve Dance. The band will be The Torpedoes which plays '70s, '80s and '90s rock music. Tickets will be available at the bar.

Please remember to put December 14 on your calendar and attend the December general meeting at 7:30 p.m.. The executive needs your presence and support.

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- **Now until Nov. 30:** "A Tribute to Haliburton's Military Service Personnel" an exhibit at the Haliburton Highlands Museum: an opportunity for quiet reflection. Museum hours: Tues. thru Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Nov. 21:** Community Care Haliburton County offers their Diners Club in Minden at the Dominion Hotel. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. This is a great time for seniors or adults with disabilities and/or illnesses to meet and mingle with others, over a great meal. Call to reserve or to find out more info., 457-2941.
- **Nov. 22:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appt. call 1-800-743-6255.
- **Nov. 22:** Register For Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- **Nov. 22 - 25:** The Farmdale Avenue Housing Estates Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of: A Christmas Carol will be staged at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the high school in Haliburton. Presented by Highlands Little Theatre, this rollicking take-off on the Dickens classic will keep the audience in stitches. Tickets available from Baubles 'n Bon Bons in Haliburton or the Storeroom in Minden. Curtain is 8 p.m. sharp. Refreshments are included in your admission.
- **Nov. 22, & 29:** The YWCA Women's Centre presents - A group on What is a Healthy Relationship? What is Love? YWCA Women's Centre, 11 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. 1-3 p.m. Nov. 22, 29. FREE! Facilitators: Marina Hodson & Diana Leary. Call 286-1942 to register.
- **Nov. 23:** Canadian Federation of University Women-Haliburton Highlands meets on Thursday, in the Great Hall of Fleming College at 7 p.m. There will be a presentation by SIRCH. Who is SIRCH? What does SIRCH do? The general public is welcome to attend this presentation. Come and learn how SIRCH provides innovative & accountable services & resources that support individuals, families & communities.
- **Nov. 23:** The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129 Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary will be having a pot luck lunch at noon followed by their General Meeting. Members please plan to attend.
- **Nov. 23:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton Parent Talk Time - 10 - 11 a.m. The topic is Potty Talk with Darlene Box from Point in Time (formerly Family Services of Haliburton County).
- **Nov. 23:** A workshop entitled Poetry for the Page and Poetry for the Stage will take place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 1 p.m. Bring your poems and take part in a discussion about voice projection, diction, phonetics, cadence, tone, rhythm, use of gestures as well as what participants like or dislike about poetry readings and why. Workshop is free. Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 to register.
- **Nov. 24:** Kawartha Treble Troupe in concert, Fri., Nov. 24, Galway Hall, 7:30 p.m. An evening to celebrate the Holiday Season. Desserts & coffee, Christmas Loonie Auction, draws and door prizes. For more information or to reserve tickets contact Diane Austin 488-2635 or Joyce Brown 488-2687. Sponsored by the Kinmount Committee For Planning & Economic Development.
- **Nov. 24:** The work of artists from throughout the area will be up for auction as the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation presents its annual Arts Exposed, A Cultural Affair. Tasty hors d'oeuvres, silent, looney & live auctions. 6 p.m. at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Advance tickets at the door or purchase at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton, The Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden or Foundation members. Admission incl. a raffle for a \$500 shopping spree at any of the participating artists.
- **Nov. 25:** Gooderham United Church Bake & Crafts Sale. Get there early, the amazing baking won't last. Stay and have lunch great tasting soup and fresh sandwiches will be served at 12 p.m. Sale starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.
- **Nov. 25:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Santa Claus visits the Gallery. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **Nov. 25:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Model Train demonstration by Doug Stephen. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **Nov. 25 - Dec. 22:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre - Deck the WALLS! Rails End Gallery's Annual Christmas Show and Sale of fine art and craft. 457-2330.
- **Nov. 26:** Village Chalet Family Restaurant is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Nov. 27:** Get messy at the Gallery! Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Last Friday of every month, 10:30 - 12:30. Informal activities for parents and preschoolers to do together. Call 457-2330.

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- **Adult Badminton:** Mondays - 8 - 10 p.m. Now until May 28/07 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765 for further information.
- **Tea at 3:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about ART and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- **Don't forget that Community Care** offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thursday afternoon and Cribbage every Friday afternoon. Card games begin at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
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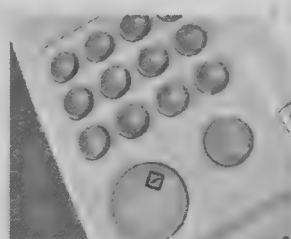
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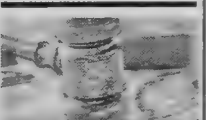
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A holiday show and sale of fine art and craft by emerging and established talents from Haliburton County and beyond

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Deck the WALLS opens November 25 with a visit from Mr. Claus and wraps up with a Last Minute Shoppers' Party on Friday December 22 from 4 til 7 pm. On opening day the kids can get their picture taken with Santa by Chyna Schell of The Photo Shop and see a model train demonstration by Doug Stephen between 1 and 4 pm.

Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre is located in Haliburton at 23 York Street and is open Wednesday to Saturday between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm. For more information you can call the Gallery at 457-2330.

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Dates: Saturday November 25 — Friday December 22

Hours: Wednesday to Saturday 10 am til 5 pm

Location: Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, 23 York Street, Haliburton

Phone: 457-2330 Contact: Daniela Pagliaro, Programming Manager or Laurie Jones, Executive Director
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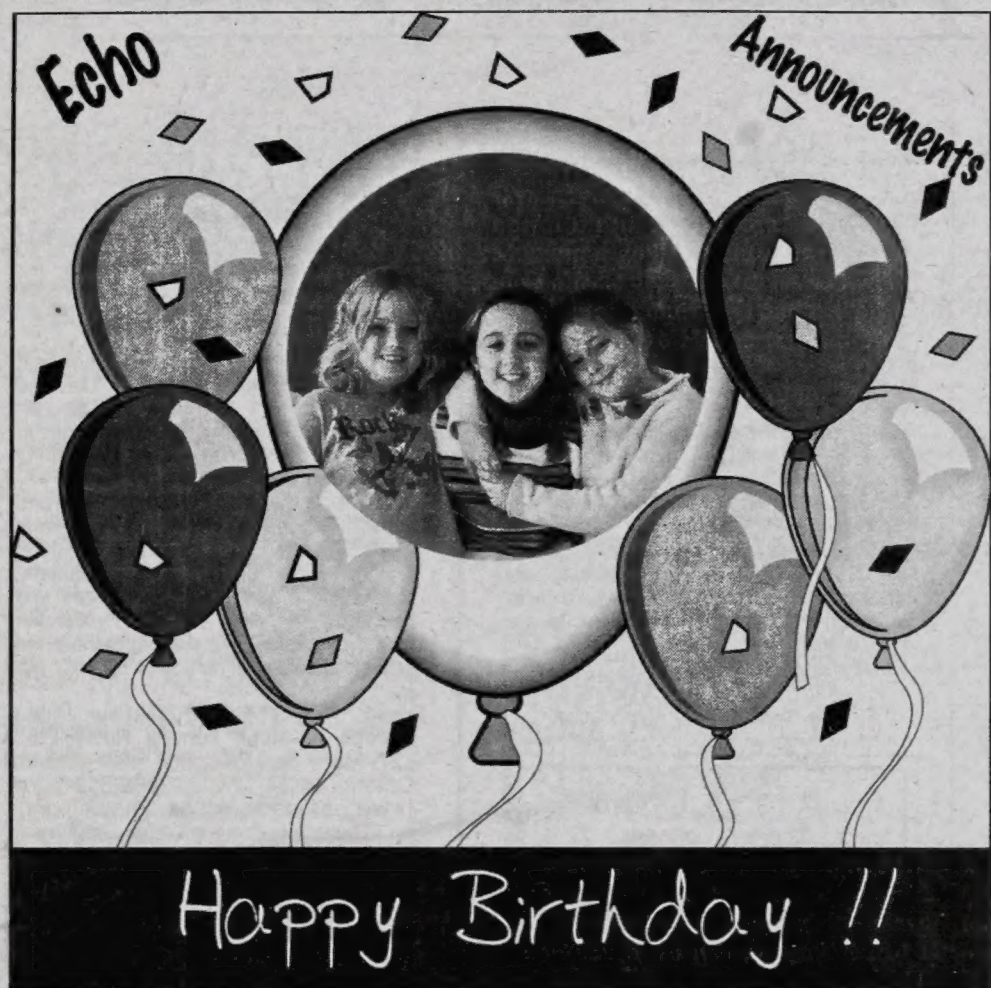
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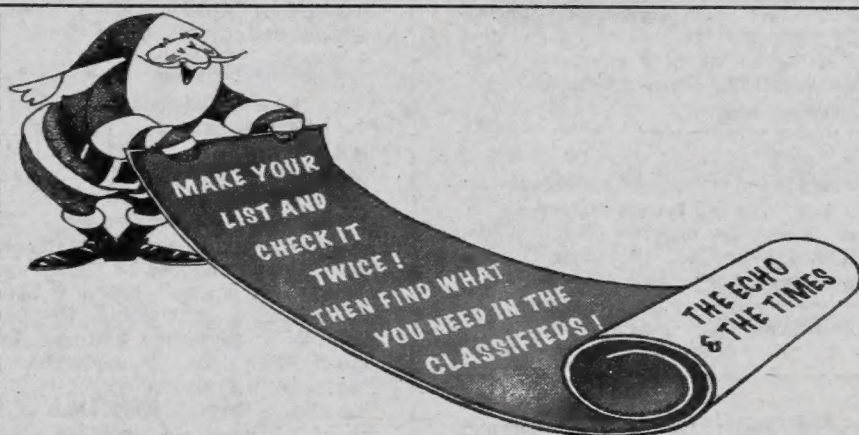


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Thank You Cards

A Very Special Thank you to Dr's,
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for their excellent care during my stay.
Also to the many friends who called
and visited me. God Bless you.
- Florence Webb

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I would like to thank good samaritans

Chris Meharrie and Jack & Marlene Watson
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Wednesday night Nov 8th. Your kindness
was very much appreciated.

-Darrin Brown

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I would like to thank my family and
friends neighbours co-workers, my
employer, Doctors, Nurses and
community as a whole for the help and
support over the last ten months.
Thanks to everyone. I'M CURED AND
BACK TO WORK! Special thanks to
my girls Courtney, Kelsey and most im-
portantly my "ROCK" Gloria.
- Randy Barnum

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Deaths

McCARTHY, Hugh - (Resident of
Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

At Extendicare-Haliburton on Sunday
evening, November 12, 2006 in his
89th year. Beloved husband of Shirley
McCarthy (nee Chamberlain). Loving
father of Ruby Anne (David Feeney) of
Cobourg, Sandra Griffiths (Italo) and
Barry Cook of Haliburton Lake. Fondly
remembered by his grandchildren
Mary, Tara, Angela, Alex, Tisha and
his five great grandchildren.
Predeceased by his brothers Leroy,
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his sister Leona. Also lovingly
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Visitation & Memorial Service
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WAGGETT, Keith - (Resident of Halibur-
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son of Helene and the late Charles Waggett.
Dear brother of Charles (Darlene) and
Lynne (Greg).

Visitation & Memorial Service

A private family funeral service will be
held. A celebration of Keith's life will be held
for friends in the Community at a later date.
As expressions of sympathy donations to
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appreciated by the family. Funeral
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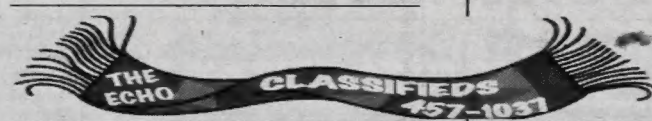
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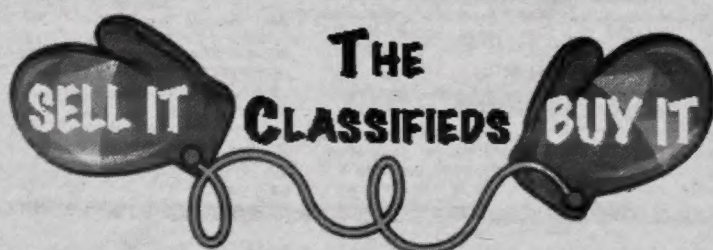
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SKEAD, Leone - (Former resident of Minden) Passed away on October 13, 2006. Beloved wife of Harry Skead, mother of Juanita and Bob McIntosh, and grandmother of Jason and Angela McIntosh. Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at the Minden Anglican Church on December 2nd at 11 a.m. Donations to the Cancer Society and Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay will be greatly appreciated.

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In memoriam

Billings, Eileen - Passed away on November 25, 1995.

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But links of loved ones last forever.*

*"Fondly remembered
by your loving son, Wren*

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McCOLL, Glen - In loving memory of Glen McColl April 12 1940- November 27, 2004.

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- Love Carol

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QUIBELL - In loving memory of my dear husband John, who passed away Nov 25, 2005.

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have died. to me you were so special what
more is there to say Except to wish with all
my heart that you were here with me today.*

Forever in my heart

- Your wife Barb

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WOOLACOTT, Lorne Henry - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away Nov., 25 1998.

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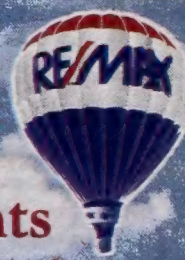
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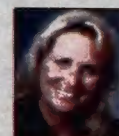


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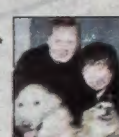
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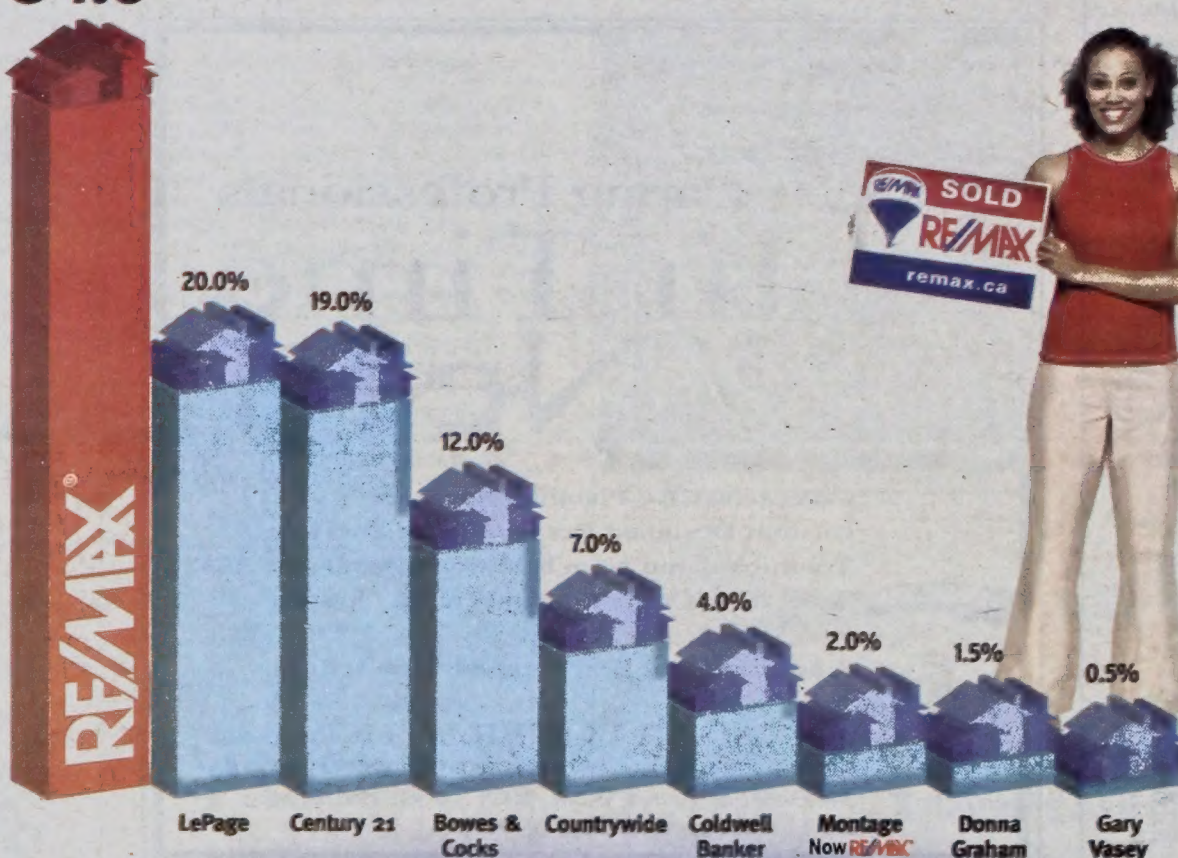
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